

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph added on page 1 of the Amendment and Response dated May 30, 2003, filed June 3, 2003 and amended in the Amendment and Response filed December 17, 2003, with the following amended paragraph.

This application is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of, and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of, co-pending U.S. patent application serial no. 09/488,275, filed January 20, 2000, which was a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/026,036 (now abandoned), filed October 12, 1999, which was a continuing prosecution application of U.S. patent application no. 09/026,036, filed on February 19, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,317,884), which claimed priority to U.S. provisional patent application no. 60/038,276, filed on February 19, 1997